## Installing ASSIGN.SYS Files in the HotWire Menu

You can now install ASSIGN.SYS files for CodeHead's G+Plus program directly into the HotWire menu list. Simply click on a blank entry and locate an ASSIGN.SYS file (any file with an .SYS extension). An alert box will ask you if you want to install the file as a document or an ASSIGN.SYS file for G+Plus (since you may have other files with an extension of .SYS). Click on ASSIGN and continue with the installation. Remember that you can title the installation anything you wish.

Since you can also chain these entries, this gives you an excellent way to set up an unlimited number of combinations of different font assignments for your programs that use GDOS. You are no longer limited by the 12 assignments available in the G+Plus Installation Editor. Simply chain the ASSIGN.SYS file entry to the GDOS application you wish to use it with. Or you can just create a HotWire menu with all of your ASSIGN.SYS files in it and easily select the one you wish to use.

G+Plus is CodeHead Software's replacement for Atari's GDOS. The ASSIGN.SYS file loading feature will only work if you have G+PLUS.PRG installed (in your AUTO folder). The G+Plus accessory is not needed, although it is handy to check the name of the currently loaded ASSIGN file. For this purpose the G+MINI.ACC works just as well and uses less memory.

### Disabling HotSaver's Animation Routine

There is a new button in the Program Options Box labeled "NO ANIMATION." When you launch one of the programs in the HotWire Menu, HotWire checks the status of its "NO ANIMATION" button; if the button is selected, HotWire communicates with HotSaver, telling HotSaver to turn off its animation routines while that program is running. Since HotSaver's animation routines take a high percentage of the processor's time, some operations will slow to a crawl once the animation kicks in. Now you can select "NO ANIMATION" for programs which could be affected by this problem. With "NO ANIMATION" selected, when the screen saver kicks in the screen turns blank but no animation occurs. This takes virtually no time away from the processor, allowing it to continue with the current task at full speed.

Typical programs which would benefit from the "NO ANIMATION" setting are BBS programs and programs which do printing, such as Ultrascript. This option will only affect HotSaver if HotSaver is currently configured with ANIMATION enabled. (NOTE: If you select "NO ANIMATION" for the HotSaver program itself, HotSaver will show the "ANIMATION" button as "off" even though it is really enabled. It has just been temporarily turned off by HotWire. Why would you do this anyway?)

### Global Alarm Enable/Disable

An "Alarms" entry in the Options drop-down menu allows you to turn all alarms on or off globally. If "Alarms" is turned off (no check mark), no alarms will ring at any time. Turning the check mark on will allow alarms to function normally. This setting is saved with your HotWire configuration.

### Individual Alarm Disable

A button in each program's Options Box allows you to disable all alarms while in that program (by selecting "NO ALARMS"). This insures that HotWire Alarms will not interrupt the execution of that program. A typical use for this option would be in a tape backup program, BBS software, or other software that may run unattended. When you exit the program, any alarms that have been deferred will ring.

### 12/24-Hour Time Entry, and More Alarms

When editing the time, you can enter the hour in 24-hour mode. If the hour is greater than 12, it will be automatically converted to a 12-hour number when you select another alarm or exit the box.

You can now set up to 16 different individual alarms. The previous maximum was 8.

### New Repeating Alarms

Alarms may now be repeated daily, weekly, or monthly.

When you select weekly alarms, seven day-of-the-week buttons will appear (in place of the "Set Date" button and date entry string). You may select any combination of days on which you'd like your weekly alarm to ring.



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(Selecting all seven days is the same as a "DAILY" alarm, while selecting none of the buttons will cause the alarm not to ring at all).

Selecting the "MONTHLY" button will cause an alarm to ring each month on the day of the month entered in the date string. If you enter a day that does not exist in all months (like 31), the monthly alarm will skip those months which do not contain that date.

## 'Day' Button Shows the Day for Any Date

The Alarms Box has a new button labeled 'Day'. If you click this button, HotWire will display the day of the week associated with the date showing on the date entry line.

## Automatic Updating of Expired Alarms

A new entry in the options drop-down menu allows you to enable the automatic saving of expired alarms. If you have saved a non-repeating alarm with status "ON", it will continue ringing every time you boot up after its time has come unless you again save it with status "OFF". If you enable "Save Expired Alarms", HotWire will automatically save any alarm (with status "OFF") that has already rung. The saving will occur the first time you return to the HotWire menu after the alarm has rung, with the message "Saving Alarm #X" at the top of the screen. If "Save Expired Alarms" is turned off (left unchecked) you will have to manually save any alarms which have expired. The current setting of "Save Expired Alarms" is saved with your HotWire configuration.

## Unparalleled Individualized Configurable Multi-Regenerative Snooze Feature

HotWire alarms now include a unique configurable "snooze" option. When an alarm rings, the space bar will turn it off as before. But if you hit any other key to stop the alarm, it will initiate a snooze timer which will cause the alarm to ring again after the snooze period has expired. This feature is especially useful if you are on the phone when the alarm rings. You can hit a key to stop the alarm without worrying that you will forget to do whatever that alarm is reminding you to do. It will persistently re-alarm you at intervals of the snooze period as long as you continue stopping it with a key other than the space bar. The snooze period can be set from 1-9 minutes in the alarms dialog box and will be saved with your HotWire configuration. (NOTE: The "snooze" feature was inspired by the Tramiels' innovative marketing policy.)

## Feature Not Documented in the HotWire 2.0 Manual or Release Notes

We neglected to document a hidden feature in HotWire 2.0. You can change the "default" button in any of HotWire's alert boxes. Simply hold down the "Alternate" key when clicking on the desired button. The next time the alert box appears, that button will appear as the default. (The "default" is the button that will be selected when you hit the Return key). The alert button settings are saved with the HotWire configuration.

## Bugs Fixed in HotWire 2.1

HotWire 2.1 fixes a few small bugs that appeared in version 2.0, namely:

- You can now use hot keys containing Control/Left-Shift/Alternate with no problem. The hot key combination Control-M also works correctly now.
- The combination Control-f7 now works as documented, initiating the starting of a document (same as right-clicking on the "running man" icon).
- In HotWire 2.0 it was possible to load a block which contained hot key assignments that already existed in the current menu list. Now any duplicate hot keys contained in a newly loaded block will be blanked out.
- In the Alarms dialog box, the "Enable All" and "Disable All" buttons have been removed.
- There was a problem in HotSaver 1.0 which could cause a crash when the screen saver kicked in (with "RESERVE SCREEN" turned off). This has been fixed.

## Loading a MultiDesk Setup File That Can't Be Found

There is a bug in MultiDesk 2.0 that will cause a system lockup when trying to load an .MLT file through the HotWire Menu. The bug attacks if MultiDesk is unable to find the specified .MLT file. To solve this problem you will need to update your MultiDesk to version 2.1. This is a free update to owners of MultiDesk 2.0.

## HotTools Folder

The HotTools Folder contains useful tools for maintaining HotWire and its associated files, such as HotSaver, ClockSet and HotPathSetter.

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